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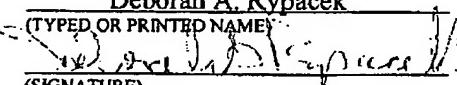
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In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

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